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Australian Tax Office new reporting requirements for Not For Profits

We have been contacted by Amateur Radio clubs who are concerned and confused by ATO (Tax Office) reporting requirements of Not For Profit clubs.



If your club's committee is confused or concerned, you are not on your own. RASA contacted the ATO with some questions and got some answers.

(To be clear, we can describe what we were told by the ATO for your consideration, but we are not financial advisors and the information forwarded here should not be regarded as financial advice.)

Who needs to lodge a Report?

As of this year, any Club, Society, Association with an active ABN number needs to lodge a return after their End of Financial Year, whenever that may be.

The lodgement requirement as a Not-For-Profit (NFP) only applies to groups which have an ABN. The ATO said that if you have no ABN there is no reporting requirement. However, it may be difficult to operate your club without an ABN.

Your club will need an ABN to open a bank account.

Here's another example - a club may have a Point Of Sale unit for selling sausages out the front of Bunnings. Such a unit would require an ABN to operate. ABN free operation is not possible for all clubs.

What type of Not For Profit group am I part of?

The ATO wants all NFP's to fit within one of eight categories. Details of this may be viewed [Here](#)

It does not take long to realise that Amateur Radio Clubs are not listed as an option. After briefly educating the ATO representative about what Amateur Radio Clubs do, we were informed that we would come under the first category of Community Service Organisations. Details of that category appear [Here](#)

If my club has an ABN, then how do I lodge a return?

Probably the hardest part of lodging a return is getting access to the MyGovID and RAM portal. The actual NFP declaration process for most clubs should not be difficult. Details on how to lodge a return can be found [here](#).

At RASA we understand that this process is just one more job for a volunteer treasurer or secretary in a club, where good workers are hard to find. We have no easy solutions, but we try to help where we can.

We trust that this bulletin will at least provide a starting point for your group to achieve compliance.



Amateur Repeater and Beacon Assignment Process

The ACMA is considering the implementation of additional choices and greater transparency in the frequency coordination process to allow the amateur community to license repeater and beacon services.

A reference to the ACMA's Amateur repeater and beacons assignment process Consultation is [HERE](#)

RASA is responding to the consultation and is seeking feedback from those who

have been involved or witnessed the process for applying for, or changes to, a repeater or beacon assignment.

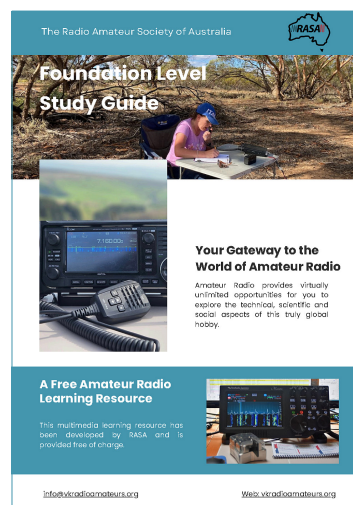
Contact us by email to info@vkradioamateurs.org

Foundation Level Study Guide (FLSG)

The FLSG has proved to be very popular, with the downloads of the PDF version passing five hundred last weekend, and steadily climbing.

This free Study Guide is the result of just over a year of planning, researching, writing, making images and videos, and several reviews before finally being submitted for publishing.

The RASA team values any feedback on the FLSG, and is grateful to those who have already given feedback. You can tell us about your experience with the FLSG by email to info@vkradioamateurs.org



The FLSG is available to view or download at <https://vkradioamateurs.org>

Class Licence Validation Document

With the introduction of the Class License, some Amateurs were concerned that they had no official document or certificate to prove they are qualified to operate under the class licence.

The concern was that those Amateurs travelling to other countries would be unable to prove their bona fides when applying for reciprocal rights.

RASA contacted the ACMA, expressing those concerns on behalf of Australian Amateurs. The ACMA's response was that they had sent a letter to everyone holding callsigns, authorising them to operate under the Class Licence.

The ACMA also said that they were aware of only one person having difficulty obtaining reciprocal rights internationally, and that they were able to resolve it quickly. RASA recommends contacting the ACMA if you encounter such an issue.



Have you experienced any hiccups in obtaining reciprocal rights internationally since the Class Licence came into effect in February this year? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Send us an email to info@vkradioamateurs.org.

Or perhaps you just want the wallpaper? That's OK too. Let us know

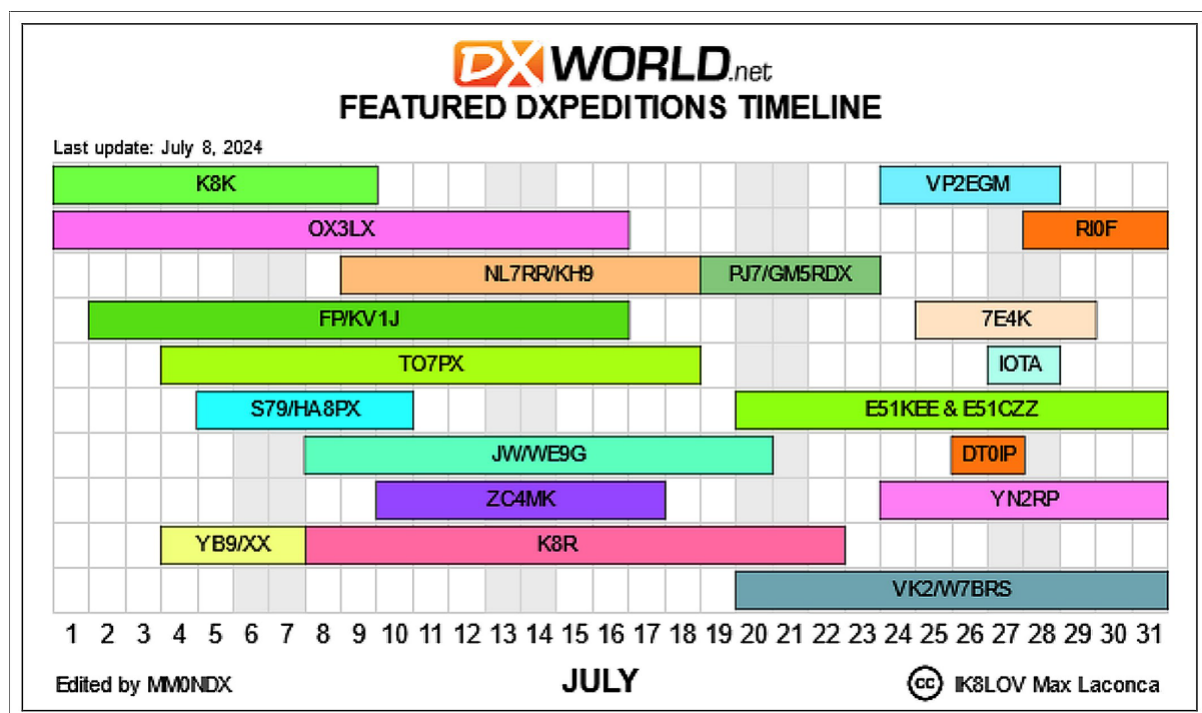
Bendigo Amateur Radio & Electronics Club RadioFest

This is sure to be a popular event. If you're in the area, mark it in your calendar.

Sunday 18th August 2024.

More information can be found here <https://www.barec.net.au/>

What's happening in the world of DX?



(Provided courtesy of DX-world.[net](https://www.dx-world.net))

Click on the image above for details or head directly to www.dx-world.net

On the Air – what's coming up?

Unfortunately we have two very popular events clashing on the calendar.

Remembrance Day Contest

17th & 18th August 2024

<https://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/>

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

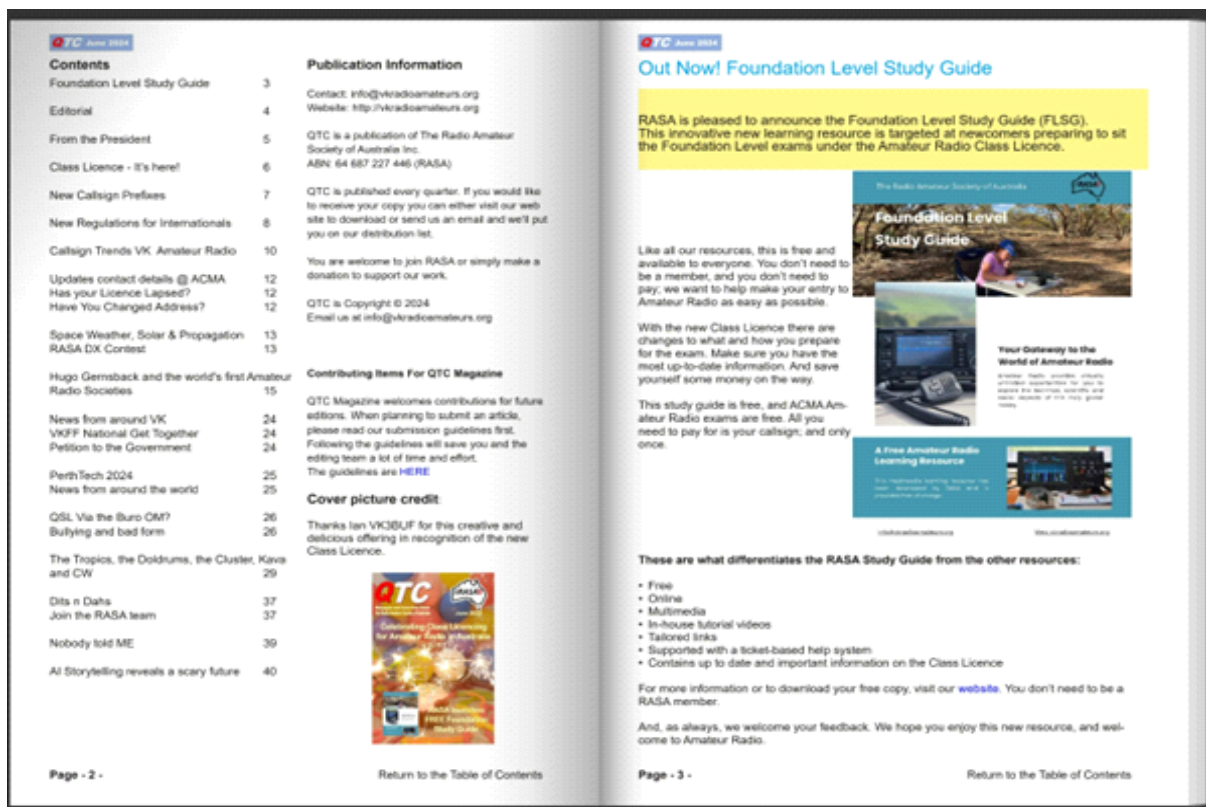
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